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SUBJECT: OUTBREAK OF ENCEPHALITIS

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1. SAO PAULO NEWSPAPERS ARE REPORTING AN OUTBREAK OF ENCEPHALITIS IN THE COASTAL TOWNS OF PERUIBE, MONGAGUA AND ITANHAE, ABOUT 30 - 50 MILES SOUTH OF SANTOS IN THE STATE OF SAO PAULO, BEGINNING WEEKEND OF APRIL 12.

2. ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, AROUND 100 PEOPLE HAVE CONTRACTED A STRANGE REGIONAL VIRUS IN THE THREE RESORT TOWNS AND 20 OR 30 HAVE DIED OR ARE IN SERIOUS CONDITION. DOCTORS HERE REPORTEDLY HAVE NOT YET ISOLATED THE VIRUS, WHICH CAUSES EFFECTS VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE OF MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS. A HIGH FEVER AND SEVERE HEADACHE REPORTEDLY ARE COMMON TO THE TWO DISEASES. THE ADOLPHO LUTZ INSTITUTE IN SAO PAULO IS STUDYING THE OUTBREAK AND CONDUCTING CLINICAL EXAMINATIONS.

3. UNTIL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS DISEASE AND MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS IS ESTABLISHED DOCTORS REPORTEDLY ARE BEING INSTRUCTED BY LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES TO TREAT AFFECTED

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PARTIENTS AS IF THEY HAD MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS FOR, IF

THE VIRUS IS LATER DIAGNOSED AS ENCEPHALITIS, THE TREATMENT
WILL NOT BE PREJUDICIAL.

4. LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES ARE ESTABLISHING AN ISOLATION
HOSPITAL TO TREAT SUSPECTED ENCEPHALITIS CASES.

5. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN CLEARED BY RMO, DR. KOOP, NOW IN
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